El Encanto Master Plan Concepts

Nature Experience

The Nature Experience concept would maximize the outdoor visitor experience and provide only limited visitor services. This low impact oriented approach would include a heavy emphasis on habitat restoration and maximize trail opportunities. Educational & interpretive displays will be located outside for self guided tours.

Structures

- Main building to include operational offices for park staff, conference room, restroom, and storage
- Public courtyard with interpretive displays
- Unit over garage to be used for operational offices for park staff
- Duplex unit for operational offices and living quarters for park ranger
- Two pre-fabricated restroom facilities
- Observational overlook with park shelter

Mobile Home Park

- Removal of mobile home park
- Special-use area with park shelter
- Multi-use area with picnic tables and outdoor classroom

Habitat

- Bird watching and observation overlooks with educational/interpretive elements
- Minimize exterior lighting

Stormwater Management

- Rain gardens and stormwater management improvements with educational/interpretive elements
- Paved areas would be minimized and redesigned to intercept stormwater and sediment and support restoration plantings

Visitor Services

- No consumer services would be provided
- Services limited to restrooms, water and trash disposal
- Self guided outdoor educational/interpretive elements near buildings

Parking Lot

- Reduction of paved parking area, limited spaces for staff and visitors
- Minimal amount of individual and bus parking would be provided
- Maintenance yard

Trails

- Maximum trail access
- Way finding signage and distance markers
- New loop trail to overlooks on slope (no bikes)
- New trail to ridge, Glendora Mtn Motorway & Garcia Trail (no bikes)
- ADA trail with interpretive displays
- Traffic calming on Highway 39 to include crosswalk with in-ground strobe lights, at bike path and warning system for bikes and pedestrians traveling on the highway bridge.
- River trails on both banks of river below Hwy 39 bridge
- River trail on the northern bank to Taylor House

San Gabriel River

- River terrace
- Riparian & flood plain restoration
- Pedestrian river bridge (optional)
- Land swap to retain the equestrian arena